

### REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 17-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 11 are independent. Claims 1 and 3 have been amended. Claim 21 has been added. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

### Examiner Interview

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the personal interview, which was conducted on July 23, 2004. An Examiner Interview Summary was made of record as Paper No. 8. During the interview, Applicant's representative presented amended claim 1, and explained that claim 1 (as amended) overcomes the cited sections of the applied art. The Examiner agreed with the Applicant's representative. Claim 1 has been amended in the manner discussed during the interview, and is believed to place the application into condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

### Art Rejections

Claims 1, 2 and 5-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bailey, et al. (USP 4,924,087). Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bailey in view of Norton (USP

4,139,306). These rejections, insofar as they pertain to the presently pending claims, are respectfully traversed.

While not conceding the appropriateness of the Examiner's rejection, but merely to advance prosecution of the present Application, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1 has been amended in the manner discussed in the Examiner Interview, and therefore overcomes the prior art of record, including Bailey and Norton. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

With regard to dependent claims 2-10, Applicant submits that claims 2-10 depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent claim 1, which is allowable for the reasons set forth above, and therefore claims 2-10 are allowable based on their dependence from claim 10. Reconsideration and allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner states that claims 11-15, 17-18 and 20 are allowed, and that claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the early indication of allowable subject matter in this application. However, claim 19 has not been rewritten in independent form at this time.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Percy L. Square (Reg. No. 51,084) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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